

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Small Entity)

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Invention: BONE STAPLE AND METHOD FOR CORRECTING BONE DEFICIENCIES BY CONTROLLABLY SUPPRESSING AND/OR INDUCING THE GROWTH OF THE EPIPHYSEAL PLATE

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.

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